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RAISERS OF BIG FOLK FUND TO TELL ITS USE

Legislative Committee Summons
N. W. McLeod and E. S. Lewis,
Who Collected \$25,000, to Testify
Friday Afternoon.

RECORDED ASKED TO SHOW
EXPENSE AFFIDAVITS.

Stockyards Investigators Meet to
Hear Testimony of Former At-
torney-General Crow About
Bridge Arbitrary.

A summons for "Col. Ed" Butler to appear before the State Senate committee which will re-convene at the Southern Hotel Saturday afternoon to resume its inquiry into the sources and uses of campaign funds at the last election, was issued Friday.

It is expected that "Col. Ed" will be asked investigating questions concerning the disposition he made of the \$3500 which James Campbell, his friend, testified, at the last sitting of the committee, he gave Butler to be used for political purposes.

Mr. Campbell said he did not know what use Butler put the money to.

A summons to appear before the same committee was served on Edwards Whitaker, a prominent banker and broker, Friday. At the previous sitting an effort was made to secure the attendance of Mr. Whitaker, but he was out of the city.

House Committee.

The investigating committee appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate campaign contributions organized at the St. James Hotel at 10 o'clock Friday morning and directed Michael Lang, its sergeant-at-arms, to serve subpoenas on Recorder of Deeds Paul Young and Nelson W. McLeod and Edward S. Lewis, directing each of them to appear at 1:30.

The committee then adjourned to 1:30. The subpoenas issued for Young direct him to furnish the committee certified copies of the reports of both the Democratic and Republican state committees for the last campaign.

The Republican members of the committee wish to ask McLeod and Lewis, who were respectively president and treasurer of a Folk club which raised \$25,000 to aid in his nomination, about details of the club finances.

The Democratic members of the committee say they are not interested in this subject, but they will have their hearing when the Republicans members conclude.

At the Southern Hotel and the St. James Hotel there are three groups of investigators, all from the Legislature.

Numerous sergeants-at-arms and assistant sergeants-at-arms hurried through corridors, reporting, getting new orders and carrying away again with fresh batches of subpoenas for men who are to be investigated.

The investigators are one committee from the House, with a majority of Republican members, to investigate the alleged use of federal patronage in the last state campaign; one committee from the Senate to investigate the use of police and other powers in raising the munitions of war for the campaign, and one committee from both the Senate and House to investigate alleged discrimination in stockyards charges and the entire subject of the bridge arbitrary.

The House committee was the first to begin work Friday at the St. James Hotel. Dr. James T. Stewart, a Republican, of Warren County, is chairman; the other Republican members are Kleinschmidt of Jefferson County and Harrington of Adair County. The Democrats are Conkling of Carroll County and Simmons of Shelby County.

Its investigation concerns chiefly the use of partnerships in the November campaign.

The Democrats are in the minority on the committee, but are recognized as of militant spirit and able to take care of themselves. So there is an anticipation of very sessions. The committee will meet Fridays and Saturdays for several weeks.

Crow a Witness.

The joint committee which will inquire further into the question of stockyards charges and the bridge arbitrary has already held one meeting here.

It will convene again at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and one of the first witnesses will be former Attorney-General Crow, who instituted proceedings for the forfeiture of the charter of the Merchants' Bridge and carried the case into the United States Supreme Court, will be questioned exhaustively on the subject of the bridge arbitrary.

The Senate committee also has held a previous session here, and brought out some interesting facts concerning the source and disposition of state election campaign funds. It will meet again Saturday at 10 o'clock, and it is expected that Edwards Whitaker, who was out of town when the committee tried to subpoena him before; John Scullin, who thinks Paul is qualified, made a deposition concerning \$25,000 to the Republican state campaign fund, and August A. Busch will be early witness. Thomas Kay Niedringhaus may also be called to testify.

Woman Dies in Hotel Fire.

NEW YORK. Feb. 17.—One woman perished to death and 25 men and women were severely burned in a fire which damaged the Hotel Wilson early today. The woman was about 25 years old and was identified as Mrs. John F. Smith, of Brooklyn. The manager of the hotel refused to give their names.

A "LITTLE" COLD WAVE COMING

Fifteen Degrees Above Zero Expected as Minimum Temperature Tonight.

A bit of a cool weather, which is expected to cause a 10-degree drop in temperature, is looked for during the afternoon, but St. Louisans are not expected to pay much attention to it. There is no indication that there will be snow or other disagreeable features connected with it. The forecast for tonight and Saturday is: "Fair; no decided change in temperature. Minimum temperature night about 15 degrees above zero."

The colder weather is coming down from Montana and reached northern Kansas this morning. Another cold area is over the lake regions this morning. The general conditions are fair and warmer.

The lowest temperature recorded in the past 12 hours was 22 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock 24 degrees was recorded.

GIRL FELLED BY PURSE SNATCHER

Starts After Thief Who Jumps
Fences, but Is Overtaken
by Policemen.

Miss Mary Smith of 2309 Howard street, a collector, was knocked down Friday afternoon because she resisted a purse snatcher who attacked her on Washington avenue.

Miss Smith was walking on that street between Compton and Cardinal avenues when a man grabbed her purse. She ran on to it and struck the man in the face with her left hand. He jerked the purse away from her and knocked her down and started to run.

She regained her feet and started in pursuit of him and was joined by James Clegg and Walter, two men who witnessed the fence and gained an alley but the two men overtook him there and arrested him.

At 10 o'clock Clegg of 2111 Grand street. The purse was found on him and he denied he was the man who had snatched Miss Smith's purse, but she said he did.

The purse was found later where it had been thrown, but \$10 which it had contained was gone. The money was not recovered.

Harvey Dewey, who was standing near when Miss Smith's purse was snatched and ran when Clegg ran, was also arrested.

MAYOR WAITS ON THE PETITIONS

Not Ready Yet to Announce Posi-
tion Relative to Candidacy
for Renomination.

Mayor Rolla Wells will not announce his position relative to being a candidate for the nomination to succeed himself until after he has received the petition which is being circulated urging him to again be a candidate.

He was asked Friday if he was ready to make known his position, and said he would not make any statement at this time because he understood some friends of his were circulating a petition which was to be presented to him and due deference to them required that he defer announcement of any kind until after it had been received.

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LEGISLATORS DENY FAVORING RACE BETTING

Attempt of Friends of Breeders' Law to Create Impression That the Democratic Leaders Are With Them Fails.

MARCH STOLEN ON THE HOUSE BY RACE LOBBY.

Action for Substitute Bill for Present Statute Which Prohibits Bookmaking and Pool Selling, Postponed Till Feb. 21.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—The apparent victory in the House of Representatives of the racetrack lobby last night when, with barely a quorum present, action on the substitute bill for the breeders' law, prohibiting bookmaking and pool selling, was deferred until Feb. 21, was the subject of lively discussion in the House today.

The motion for postponing action on the bill was made by Representative Conklin and was railroaded through, while many opponents of the bill were absent.

Representative Whitecotton of Monroe wanted to know this morning if it was true that a quorum was not present when action on the bill was deferred.

Assemblyman Birch of Audrain wanted similar information. He declared that no one was authorized to use his name or represent him as an advocate of the breeders' law. He said he proposed to vote in accordance with the best sentiment of the people of Missouri.

"I have no hesitancy in saying," declared Mr. Birch, "that I favor the committee's substitute bill, which prohibits bookmaking and pool selling unconditionally."

It was apparent from the tenor of the speeches made that the racetrack agents had tried to create the impression that a number of the Democratic House leaders favored the present gambling law. The fact that this representation is now proved to be erroneous has left the racetrack crowd in a sad minority, so far as the lower branch of the assembly is concerned.

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WALKED HIM OUT OF POISON TRANCE

Patient From Morphine Poisoning
Made to Tramp Up and Down
Hospital Ward.

Tramp-tramp-tramp-up and down, down and up, crossways and lengthwise, August Beugel walked in a City Hospital ward from 10 o'clock Friday night to 5 o'clock Friday morning, a hospital attendant on either side and a third attendant lashing him vigorously with a towel freshly dipped in ice-cold water. It was a walk for life, although Beugel himself did not even know he was walking. He had been brought to the hospital unconscious from morphine poisoning and his death was a matter of but an hour or so but for this heroic treatment.

Beugel, a man of 30 years old, a policeman, saw his master stagger into a hallway at 5 o'clock Friday night, and the policeman went to him and was sufficiently familiar with him to know he was a patient with morphine poisoning. Instead of calling a patrol wagon or ambulance he grabbed a patrol wagon and walked him to the hospital unconscious. He was sent to a hospital and was soon conscious again.

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The triplets, Louis, Lucille and Lewellyn, gurgled their content, each clasping a bottle of warm milk.

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Long and close she held the child, and fondled it until other women came to claim the privilege of womanhood. Held

in the room where there was only room for the bed, the cradle and one chair.

Each brought baby clothes. Soft skirts and bands of the fine flannel, long embroidered skirts and delicate slips white.

She gazed on the "indow sill, blue and pink little stockings small enough for fairies' feet, booties of yarn and kid, silk shawls and cunning little cloaks of material soft and costly.

There were blankets sufficient to prepare for baby for an Arctic journey.

Mrs. Eckman was congratulated because her babies were so sweet, so healthy. Bills and coins were slipped in her hand.

Baby was king. The visitors paid little attention to anything save the three babies sleeping so quietly in the baby wagon which is their cradle.

They crowded about the wagon. Whenever a baby would stir it was a signal for someone to take it in arms. Women crooned softly to them, kissed them and marveled at their good behavior.

Once Louis wailed. "Just like a boy," said a woman who had brought a hamper of half worn clothing. Boys

and girls, some who fight the wolf as hard as she had done, heard her plight.

Their work was laid aside. Their own babies were as poor as the one in which the babies wailed they came bringing whatever they could.

One brought milk. Another a bottle which her own baby had used.

There was three complete baby layettes.

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MOVEMENT STARTED FOR MEMORIAL HALL

Legislative Committee Chosen to Secure Half Million Dollar Structure for St. Louis.

A direct movement to secure the proposed soldiers' state memorial hall for St. Louis, instead of at Columbia or Jefferson City, was organized at the Missouri Historical Society rooms, 1600 Locust street, Thursday night.

After listening to a number of speeches, those assembled adopted resolutions setting forth the object of the meeting and the reasons for presenting St. Louis as a site for the memorial, and appointed a legislative committee to urge the movement.

The committee, which is to be known as the "Memorial Hall Committee," will consist of a million dollars and the fund to be used is a payment of \$475,000 which the state is to receive from the government to reimburse it for expenses incurred in fitting out the corps organized at the beginning of the civil war.

Judge Walter B. Douglas presided at the meeting. The legislative committee is James A. Johnson, representative of the St. Louis Public Museum; Col. Robert McCulloch of the United Confederate Veterans; Dr. G. C. Johnson, representative of the Missouri Historical Society; Clinton Atkinson, representing the Sons of the United Confederate Veterans; J. E. Apperly, president of the ex-Confederates; and the Loyal Legion, representing the Sons of the United Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Philpot, former Kentucky Feudist, gets warm greeting from President.

EAST ST. LOUIS ROUGH RIDER, NOW PROMISED PLACE BY ROOSEVELT

Lee Philpot, Former Kentucky Feudist, Gets Warm Greeting From President.

WENT UP SAN JUAN HILL

Slap on the Back Accompanies Executive's Indorsement for Secret Service Position.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Lee T. Philpot, formerly of the East Kentucky feud district, later of the Rough Riders, still later of the National stockyards, East St. Louis, after that a World's Fair detective and now a detective more or less "at large," will probably be added to the United States secret service force and detailed for duty as a guard of the President when he leaves Washington.

Mr. Philpot came to Washington yesterday and saw the President, under whom he served at San Juan Hill. Congressman Rodenburg of the East St. Louis district was master of ceremonies and took the big six-foot Kentuckian to the White House.

The President was surrounded by a group of prominent men. Among them was Senator Fairbanks, who will soon be vice-president. The President was talking busily when Congressman Rodenburg and Mr. Philpot entered. He glanced up quickly, saw Mr. Philpot first and was at him in a stride.

The handshaking was something worth several blocks walk to see. When it was over, the two men also brought him around quickly. I shall never be without

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ULCERED THROAT



Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup supplants the knife

"I had a severe sore throat which the doctors said would have to be cauterized, but the Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cured my throat. One of my children had a severe cold, chills, fever, and pains in the head, and a few drops of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup also brought him around quickly. I shall never be without

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and you will find it good for preventing the common cold, too. Mrs. Carrie Kirtz, 87 Wilet St., New York, N. Y.

Sores throat, hoarseness, loss of voice, are all signs of a cold, chills, fever, and pains in the head, and a few drops of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; so don't delay in using it. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; for neglect will bring an incurable disease and death.

Avoid Substitutes. Some dealers greed for profits, sometimes offer to supply the public with substitutes for Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Insist on getting A. C. Meyer & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, however, and you will be furnished. Price, 75 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.00.

ended. The President slapped Mr. Philpot on the back and, still holding one of his hands, turned to the audience.

"Do you wonder that the Spaniards got the 'buck afer' when they saw me like this coming up San Juan Hill?" he asked with a laugh.

Mr. Philpot blushed, said "O, colonel," and the others responded pleasanly.

The Congressman Rodenburg, the President and Mr. Philpot walked to a corner of the room. The congressman began to tell the story of Mr. Philpot since the disbandment of the Rough Riders. He told of his work as deputy sheriff, night-watchman and detective in the stockyards, and of the time when, attacked by two negroes, he killed one of them and arrested the other. Then he said Mr. Philpot wanted a job in the secret service department.

0 K'd by Roosevelt.

The President nodded vigorously and smiled. Then he took a card and a pencil and wrote a note to Chief Wilkie, suggesting that if there was or was to be a vacancy on the force, Mr. Philpot would be a good man to put in it. Then he gave the card to Mr. Philpot and slapped him on the back again.

"Come to the reception tonight," he cried.

"Why, Colonel," said Mr. Philpot. "I can't. I have a full dress suit."

The President laughed. Whether it was laughing because of Mr. Philpot's naive confession, or because he was pleased at hearing his old Rough Rider title rather than his new one of Mr. President, he did not explain.

Congressman Rodenburg and Mr. Philpot went to see Chief Wilkie and while Mr. Philpot's appointment as a secret service man has not been announced, it is believed he will be put on the staff.

Lee T. Philpot is one of the best known of the men who have been engaged in detective and deputy sheriff work in and around the stockyards in East St. Louis. He got his first engagement at the yards soon after his return from the Spanish-American war. Afterward he was made a night watchman, with a commission as deputy sheriff.

While serving in this capacity he had an experience that was thrilling and a bit unique. Early in 1902, while he was engaged in outside watching, he was engaged in inside watching when in the neighborhood of the Stockyards Bank, he found a man and ordered him to "throw up his hands." Philpot laughed; he thought it was a joke; this time of ordering a former Rough Rider to surrender without a fight. The man did not move, so Philpot, for one of the men swung a heavy bat into his face and before he could recover from the blow he was seized by the other, who grabbed him by the body and carried him to a telephone booth.

A few minutes later the same men returned with the same man, the bank teller, who was bound and gagged, and was taken into the house beside Philpot. Soon afterward they brought in the inside watchman of the bank, who was also bound and gagged.

The three helpers man struggled to release themselves, but could not. After they had been in the house half an hour they heard an explosion in the telephone booth.

The body secured amounted to about \$4000 in cash and several thousand dollars in bonds. About half an hour later the men and their companion, a negro, who was with them, were arrested.

Several men were arrested for the robbery of the bank, but only one, John Stroh, was convicted. He is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary at Oberlin, Ill.

Suburban Wins Damage Suit.

A verdict for the defendant was rendered Thursday in the suit of M. A. Kenner of Columbia, Mo., against the Crescent Hotel, Inc., for \$10,000. The case was tried in Judge Taylor's division of the Circuit court and the plaintiff was not present. His deposition, however, was read in which he alleged that while in St. Louis last summer he slept at the hotel on the evening of July 6 at the World's Fair and was injured while on a car returning to the city.

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TEXAS MOB SHOOTS WOMAN'S ASSAILANT

Negro Confessed and His Death Follows—Mexican Lynched—Murderers Captured.

SMITHVILLE, Tex., Feb. 17.—A negro charged with assaulting Mrs. Powell Tiffany was captured last night and shot by a mob.

He was identified as the man wanted and made a full confession. He was run to earth at Upton, a small town about six miles from here.

In his confession the negro implicated three others and it is also said there are three women involved. Two of these persons have been arrested and the third is now being sought.

What is being sought for the negro, the Smithville mob, found hanging to a tree, the body of the Mexican taken from officers at Dale and lynched.

The negro, Mrs. Mrs. Miers, wife of a farmer living between Dale and Lockhart, yesterday afternoon.

Yaqui Murderers Captured.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The Yaqui Indians, who killed a Chicago man and recently attacked a mining party near Cobachi, are in custody.

The men taken by Gen. Torres, and the American government will be advised of their capture.

There were ten prisoners, and all will be hanged. Two of the captives confessed.

THINK IT OVER.

Something You Can See in Any Restaurant or Cafe.

A physician puts the query: Have you never noticed in any large restaurant at lunch or dinner time the large number of hearty, vigorous old men at the tables; men whose ages run from 60 to 80 years; many of them bald and all perhaps gray, but none of them feeble or seedy?

Perhaps the spectacle is so common as to have escaped your observation or comment, but nevertheless it is an object lesson which means something.

If you have noticed what these hearty old fellows are eating you will observe that they are not munched, bran crackers nor gingerly picking their way through a menu card or never fangled health foods; on the contrary they prefer a juicy roast of beef, a properly turned loin of mutton, and even the deadly broiled lobster is not altogether ignored.

The point of all this is that a vigorous old age depends upon good digestion and plenty of wholesome food, and not upon dieting and an endeavor to live upon bran crackers.

There is a certain class of food cranks who seem to believe that meat, coffee, and many other good things are rank poisons, but these cadavers, sickly-looking individuals are a walking condemnation of their own theories.

The matter in a nutshell is that if the stomach secretes the natural digestive juices in sufficient quantities any wholesome food will be promptly digested, if the stomach does not do so, and certain foods cause distress, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal will remove all difficulty, because they supply just what every weak stomach lacks, papain, hydro-chloric acid, diastase and mucus.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do not act upon the bowels, and in fact are not strictly a medicine, as they act almost entirely upon the food eaten, digesting it thoroughly, and thus gives a much-needed rest and giving an appetite for the next meal.

Of people who travel nine out of ten use Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, knowing them to be perfectly safe to use at any time and also having found out by experience that they are a safeguard against indigestion in any form, and eating, as they have to, at all hours and all kinds of food, the traveling public for years have pinned their faith to Stuart's Tablets.

All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full-size tablets, and the druggist from Maine to California, if his opinion were asked, will say that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the most popular and successful remedy for any stomach trouble.

Put Iron in Your Blood

It Means Health, Strength, Life, Color, Energy and Ambition.

AMERICAN (Egg and Iron) WORKS WONDERS.

Are you pale this week, run down, nervous and without energy or ambition?

Have you any weakness or disease of any vital organ? heart trouble, rheumatism, liver, kidneys, spleen, tonic liver, nervous affection, rheumatism, weak lungs, constipation or any other disease? Do you have any disease or any other weakened or wasted condition of the tissues of your vital organs?

What you need is a blood good red blood that will pour every part and portion of your body and make it strong and healthy again. You can't get rid of an organic disease as you can't get rid of an iron disease.

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MORRIS PARK GETS NO DATES

Assignment of New York Dates
Indicates Closing of Track in
Favor of Aqueduct.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Assignment of dates by the Jockey Club to local tracks, just announced, includes no time for Morris Park, and it is understood that an arrangement has been reached over that part of the local racing situation which has been bothering eastern turfmen for some time. Some time ago it was reported that Aqueduct, which had been sold to a syndicate, and its dates transferred to Morris Park, where it had been expected last season there would be no more racing and that time would thus be made open for the new track.

However, dates are now assigned for Aqueduct and for the Westchester Racing Association, which will control the new track, and no time has been given to Morris Park.

No official explanation has been given, but it is understood that a good part of the club controlling Morris Park has assigned its lease to some others, who will pay \$20,000 a year and close its gates.

ST. LOUIS MAN MAKES CLEAN SCORE IN SHOOT.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 17.—C. G. Spencer of St. Louis won the honor of Thursday in the Huron Shootout. He finished with a percentage of 100, having a clean score in 26 shots. A. H. King of Pittsburgh, Charles E. Ford of Toledo, L. C. Chapman of Fulton, N. Y., and Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Io., were tied for second place with one miss out of 26 shots.

BELLEVILLE TROLLEY LEAGUE TEAM COMPLETE.

Manager William Vollrath of the Belleville Baseball Club of the Trolley League has announced his line up for the coming season. It is as follows: Anderson, catcher; F. J. H. Smith, first base; Stamm, second base; Pfeiffer, short stop; Schlemm, third base; Farrell, left field; Wahnwright, center field; and Johnson, right field. Only three players, Wahnwright, Anderson and Farrell, were on last year's team. The club, which will compete in the Alton Blues of the Trolley League, will be captain. John Schneberger is president of the Belleville league team. The new park will be thoroughly renovated before the season opens, and will be one of the finest parks of its kind in this section of the country.

Snappy styles of the Boehmer Special Extra Quality \$3.50 shoes for men, now \$2.65 at Boehmer's, 410 N. Broadway.

WOOD DEFEATS CANADIAN CHAMPION AT SKATING.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
TORONTO, Feb. 17.—Great interest was taken last night in the skating contest between Morris Wood, an American and champion, and Fred Robson of Toronto. Wood won all three races easily.

Forty Years the Standard



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LAST DAY DIEL'S CLOSING OUT SALE!

Saturday—the last day for our 805 Pine Street Store. Every article must be sold. The Bargains will be Bigger Than Ever. Hats and Furnishings sold without any regard to value.

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MINOR LEAGUES READY FOR WAR ON AMERICAN OVER DRAFTING RULES

Defiance of President Johnson and Club Owners to Request
for Increased Price for Players Arouses Fighting Spirit—
New League Suggested—Taylor Threatens Civil Suit.

BY J. H. HEDGES.

A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.—NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Rumors of new combinations in baseball and the possibility of another war in which the National and minor leagues might be arrayed against the American in a player-grabbing contest, cropped out after the American league went into session Thursday the 15th. The game was cut out and a Sunday game substituted to be played July 2. On this date the Browns are also at home.

President Hedges of the Browns will have some good Sunday attractions. Last season the Philadelphia Athletics did not appear for even one Sunday game in St. Louis. This year they will come twice on Sunday and perhaps three times. The Cardinals have Decoration day games at Pittsburgh and July 4 at Chicago. The Browns probably will have Labor day at St. Louis.

Taylor Threatens Civil Suit.

Jack Taylor remained in the background yesterday, but his lawyer, "Johnny" Ward, is doing some talking. Unless Taylor is completely exonerated of the suspicion cast upon him, he will bring civil suit for damages against James A. Hart and Garry Hermann. The latter talked long and earnestly with Taylor yesterday afternoon, but his words had little effect on the disgruntled player. Hermann recently disclosed his plan that Taylor "crook" in baseball and his public utterances along that line will make good ground for a suit, according to Taylor.

"Look for no further action in the Taylor case here," said Ward yesterday. "The Pittsburgh incident is closed. I want to correct the impression that Taylor is the defendant in the case, instead of James A. Hart. Counsel is pushing the investigation and Hart is ready the defendant we want him to take to prove his innocence. Once he is exonerated, then we will have a case to bring against Taylor."

Before the National League adjourned, a change was effected in the rules controlling the sale of players. The league's policy is to offer them to a club outside the league, waivers from league clubs will be asked for, and any club that makes the player for \$1000 may be asked when a sale is made inside the league, however. The waiver system is already in vogue in the American League.

B. Minor and Thomas E. Neves, representing the new owners of the Washington club, were at the meeting yesterday afternoon and made a report of the sale of the club last month.

Pat Neves, who is the new president, verified the report that Pat Donovan would not manage or play with the senators next season.

The American League schedule will not be issued until Friday night. A formal exchange of schedules was made Thursday afternoon and after promulgation of its playing dates, the National League adjourned the meeting at the Victoria Hotel.

On account of the Sunday games, St. Louis and Chicago have more conflicting dates than any of the other cities where both leagues have clubs. There are no conflicting games in Boston and only one in Philadelphia. New York will have about five.

Browns Get Two Holidays.

The Browns and Cardinals will clash seven times and six of these will be Sunday games. The American League schedule is not yet public property, but the Browns will have about 15 Sundays at home and two holidays—Decoration Day and July 4.

President Robson objected vigorously to his allotment of Sunday dates and was given two more than the schedule originally called for, one being transferred

to the new schedule.

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CARDINALS GET ONE HOME HOLIDAY

National League Schedule Committee Gives Local Club Labor Day on Home Grounds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The adoption of the schedule for the coming season was the chief business accomplished at the National League baseball meeting Thursday. The care with which the schedule was chosen is indicated by the fact that only 20 conflicting dates are noticed. Of these, St. Louis has seven, Chicago, with nine, being the only other city to have more. New York has three, while Philadelphia has two both teams at home on only one date.

The Cardinals will open the season April 17, home, with Chicago. Labor day is the only holiday date allotted to the home team. On Memorial day they will play in Pittsburgh and the Fourth of July will find them in Chicago.

It is worth note that the New Yorks will play all holiday dates on the home grounds.

PITTSBURGH.

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It is evident that the friends of the iniquitous racetrack gambling law are on guard even in the House.

A COMEDY OF HIGH FINANCE.

If Thomas Lawson, the frenzied author of "Frenzied Finance," had himself written the book and set the stage for the comedy of high finance enacted in the office of the Equitable Insurance Co., the performance would not have been more to his liking, nor would it have more faithfully depicted the story of the "Magic Jimmy," with which the representatives of what he calls the "system" effect an entrance to the treasures of the public.

One rather frivolous young man, through his family holding of a capital stock of \$100,000, controls the Equitable, and with its quick assets of \$478,000,000. Ostensibly, the struggle was over the question of mutualizing the company; that is, of giving the policyholders who support it a share in its management and a voice in the disposal of its vast assets and earnings.

In reality, we are told, the bone of contention is not the mutualizing of the company, but the control of the \$478,000,000 of cash and marketable securities which represent great power or money-making opportunity in the financial world. It can be used to promote vast capitalist deals and projects. Its control assures the control of vast sums deposited in banks and trust companies. With this money shrewdly handled, railroad and industrial combinations may be promoted, floated and unloaded on the public. It brings to its users the control of great railroad systems, the key to the control of monopolized industries. It offers opportunity to manipulate the stock market to the rapid enrichment of its masters, at the expense of the public. It is for this modern Aladdin's lamp that the kings of finance are fighting.

President Alexander, who represents the anti-Hyde faction, touched the core of the matter when he said: "A life insurance company is in no sense a proprietary company. It is not a business conducted by its owners for their personal gain. It is a great and quasi-charitable trust."

Eliminating the charitable element, this may be said of the banks and trust companies which handle the people's money; it may be said of the steam railroads, the street railways and other public utility corporations which exist through the special favor of the public for the purpose of serving the public.

But in the fierce struggle for profit and advantage the men who control these corporations have given little thought to the responsibilities and obligations imposed upon them. From the time of the Credit Mobilier, when Oakes Ames and his associates divided up the rich gifts of the government to the Union Pacific, a private spoil, and attempted to use part of the spoil to corrupt public servants, there has been a rising fever of greed and a lessening sense of moral responsibility on the part of the masters of capital. The history of the railroads has been a story of loot, market juggling, stock watering, discrimination and overcharging.

The history of municipal utilities under private ownership records the shameful abuse of special privileges. Here in St. Louis street railway franchises, obtained by fraud and corruption, consolidated through bribery and twice jugged to fleece the public for syndicate profits, are turned over, with a capitalization of three times their actual value, to a foreign supertrust designed to concentrate the control of public utilities. The history of the United Railways of this city is practically the history of all public utilities in all American cities.

It is only necessary to refer to the financial thimble-rigging in the steel and ship-building trusts and the abuse of power in the oil and beef trusts, to show how some leaders of finance and industry have thrown aside all considerations of public responsibility and moral obligation to plunder the public.

Is it any wonder that the people, despoiled through their own grants of privilege and by the use of their own money, begin to doubt the soundness of the present system of finance and industry and to look about for new methods? Is it astonishing that they are losing confidence in individual ownership and control of public utilities and even of general industries, and are trying doubtful experiments in governmental control and supervision as a relief from the madness and dishonesty of men upon whom rest the highest obligations of sanity and honesty?

If frenzied reformers mislead the people it will be the fault of the frenzied financiers.

The unusual depth of snow along the big rivers may soon come down to us in a great flood. The levee sentiment on the Illinois side of the Mississippi may be greatly increased this year.

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legally condemned as the crime against the public it actually is, all "insiders" in Missouri have the estate of "Pittsburg Phil" as a substantial and practical testimonial of the certainty of realizing their own hopes of becoming millionaires at the expense of "outsiders."

When the United States shall have the largest navy we shall be so tempted to use it that some one will surely be hurt. Such a navy would mean anything but peace.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S CASE OF NFRVES.

President Roosevelt is vastly agitated by fears of another European invasion of the Western Hemisphere.

Over what? Some debts alleged to be due certain Belgian, Italian and French claimants by the San Domingans.

President Roosevelt says the Monroe doctrine is at stake. From his state of alarm it might almost seem as though he had some secret information that Belgium was sending her immense navy to annex San Domingo right under our nose.

Three years ago President Roosevelt would not have been so seriously alarmed. In his first message to Congress, Dec. 3, 1901, he declared: "We do not ask under this doctrine for any exclusive commercial dealings with any other American states. We do not guarantee any state against punishment if it misconduct itself, provided that punishment does not take the form of acquisition of territory by any non-American power."

This is the essence of the Monroe doctrine. But President Roosevelt has traveled far since he wrote these words.

The wonder is that the United States has been free from foreign attack and that the Western Hemisphere has been protected against European encroachments during all these 80 years, while foreign nations have collected the debts due their citizens and "got out," as Germany did in Venezuela, since Mr. Cleveland has been President.

It was not until this late day that a President, infatuated with the idea of the big stick and great navy, thought it necessary to supplant the Monroe doctrine with the Roosevelt doctrine of overlording toward the friendly nations, "whose independence," said Mr. Monroe, "we have on great consideration and just principles acknowledged."

St. Louis has a new and clever society leader, whose acquaintance you may make through the Sunday Post-Dispatch Magazine. The illustrated interview with him, on the first page, shows him to be a man broad enough for the West and correct enough in his ideas for any social center. There is nothing of the silly or "smart set" in his makeup, as here set forth. This issue of the Sunday Magazine is rich in matters of interest to women. Girls who get their pictures into the news columns of the press would do well to read the illustrated page showing how clever rascals take advantage of publicity of this sort to deceive women. The women of our Humane Society say St. Louis is the cruellest city in the world. After reading the page article on this subject, write your views on it. Is it true? Do not the humane workers in other cities say the same thing in regard to other places? The page showing that an increasing number of women prefer to dress as men is provocative of thought. Do you know of any cases of this kind? Why do women act in this way? There are a number of highly informing articles in this Magazine, such as the description of the greatest levee in the world, to be built near St. Louis; Famous Diamonds and How They Were Discovered; a railroad to run over the sea; Mrs. Rathbone Kent's department of information; the page of New and Strange Things, etc. It is a Magazine that is up to date in every respect, carefully adapted to the home and fireside and forming an integral part of the great Sunday Post-Dispatch, which, with its world-wide news service, fiction and comic departments, represents the acme of newspaper creation.

HEROES' MEMORIAL IN ST. LOUIS.

It is to serve best the uses for which it is designed that soldiers' and sailors' memorial building should be erected in St. Louis.

St. Louis is the center of Missouri population and every Missourian frequently or infrequently visits the city. The memorial, if located here, can be enjoyed by all the people of the state. Moreover, the collections of the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army, Confederate Veterans and other historical and patriotic societies will most probably be placed in this building. These consist of interesting and historically valuable relics of the war, mementos of a great national transaction. Surely, they should not be sent where their educational worth would be less than the highest.

It is hoped that the Legislature will take this view. Nearly half a million dollars returned to the state from the general government is to be appropriated for the memorial. No irreparable mistake should be made in disposing of such a fund.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS

Legal questions not answered. Business questions not given. Write but one question. Sign but one initial. Address all questions, "Answer, Post-Dispatch, City." Use postal cards if convenient.

JAKE.—At steamship offices.

F. J. K.—Eastern avenue cabied, 1887.

T. R. V.—Mardi Gras night, March 7.

O. S.—See civil service, old postoffice.

H. V. W.—Roosevelt is not a millionaire.

R. R. B.—Picwick Theater seats about 600.

ANXIOUS.—Office temperature should be 70.

X.—"Refractonist," one versed in refraction.

MRS. C. B. B.—Pumice stone will remove fuzz.

Z.—St. Louis County has but one Probate court.

LE SOUND.—Greatest railway mileage, Illinois, 11,522.

BROADWAY—Broadway and Franklin great fire, Feb. 4, 1900.

E. W.—Largest theater (Olympic) seats 2,000.

PHILADELPHIA—Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, Carson City, Denver.

NORTON.—Grocer buying oleomargarine in Union Market must pay license if he sells it.

PERCY.—Boston, population 594,618; Portland, Ore., 98,655. G. U.—The girl should speak first.

F. W.—Languages most spoken in this country, English, German and Italian or Scandinavian.

M. L.—Cannot remarry except after divorce or death.

WILL.—No marriage license is required in New York, New Jersey (if residents), New Mexico and South Carolina.

R. J. R.—Longest river, Nile. Joannes island divides the mouth of the Amazon into two channels, one of which is 100 miles wide.

PHILADELPHIA.—Metric system was proposed by Talleyrand in 1790. The system was matured by the committee of the Paris Academy of Sciences. A meter equals 39.37 inches.

ELOISE.—Lotion for very oily skin: Sulphate of zinc, two grains; compound tincture of lavender, eight drops; distilled water, one ounce. Apply this tonic, night and morning: a half cup of fine table salt; a quart of bay rum containing a

teaspoonful of castor oil into the earth—not too near the cowbile boot.

ADA.—Wet the finger tips in good wrinkle cream. Pass them lightly over the forehead wrinkles, rubbing across the lines as you pass them. You rub directly into the furrow you will make them deeper.

RAY.—Rubber plant should have sunny window—no gas light. Water abundantly once a week, washing leaves well. Water ordinarily once in same time. Once a month work a teaspoonful of castor oil into the earth—not too near the plant.

E. NESBIT AND EAST SIDE READER.—Standard dictionary says: "Half-brother, having a different father or mother; brother related through only one parent." Step-brother, son of one parent or stepfather by a former marriage.

Thanks for the correction.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY IN CLEVER CARTOONS.

"FETCH IT ALONG AND I'LL SIT ON THAT, TOO!"



From the New York Herald.



From the New Orleans Picayune.

WHEN AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE MEETS AN IMMOVABLE BODY.



From the Chicago Tribune.

SPEAKING OF BOODLE CHARGES



From the Chicago Journal.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

FROM TODAY

IN ST. LOUIS

BY O. B. JOYFUL

(From the Post-Dispatch of Feb. 17, 1900.)

A subscriber who signs himself R. Lov sends us the following communication:

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In looking over a lot of discarded books I own

I came across one entitled "Rank Rhymes," the

author of which I had quite a vague notion of a century ago. I think you will agree with me that Mr. Hedrick is nothing but a dull starling in his comparisons. We have nothing like his similar today, and if for nothing more than as a curiosity I would suggest that you reproduce the following verses written by him, evidently to his best girl, when nobody was looking:

HER HAIR.

When to sing of hair I chose,

Give me hair as red as rose;

Red as roses—yes, that's the color,

And I never will praise a dulle;

I love hair in which the light

Loves to linger—hair as bright

As the glorious beams of morning.

The one head I ever adored,

Tresses, such as red as liquor.

Like it make the heart beat quicker,

Spurring on the lagard horses,

Turn the spirit it convives;

Give me red! For gleaming tresses

My enraptured soul confesses

Admiration warm—oh, very!

Yes, a love extraordinary.

You will say, I think, that nothing quite so

wild as Mr. Hedrick's comparison of his ham-

onata's gleaming tresses to a bowl of beans is to

be found anywhere in contemporaneous literature.

I would be glad to know if you would like

me to send

PHONE YOUR "WANT" ANSWERS to the Post-Dispatch

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Bell: Main 3150
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ROOMS FOR RENT-CITY.

14 Words. 10c.

BAYARD AV., 1362-Six rooms, bath. Len But-
ney, 4005 Chest st.; phone Delmar 1584.

BAYARD AV., 1362-Furnished room; terms
heat; reasonable. (2)

BAYARD AV., 2712-Furnished front room, for
gentlemen or light housekeeping; \$2.50 per
week. (2)

BROADWAY, 107 N.-Nice room, service; 50c
day; low weekly rates. (2)

BROADWAY, 511 S.-Nicely furnished rooms, for
two or three gentlemen. (2)

BROADWAY, 625 S.-Rooms for housekeeping; for
two or three gentlemen; \$2.50 per week; \$15
and \$30. (2)

BROADWAY, 1114 N.-Wanted, 100 mos. to oc-
cupy rooms; \$2.25 per day; \$1.25 week
and \$15 month. (2)

BROADWAY, 105 N.-Nicely furnished rooms, of
modest business street; rooms \$2.50, \$3 per
week; special rates for two or three friends with
to go together; light housekeeping; heat; bath; com-
fortable room provided with electric light; you
will be comfortable and permanently
located. (2)

CARLIS ST., 1706-Three neatly furnished, warm,
clean rooms; light housekeeping; \$2 and \$50. (2)

CHESTNUT ST., 1160-G-Large front room, sec-
ond floor, furnished complete for gentlemen or
couple; light housekeeping; very reasonable. (2)

CHESTNUT ST., 1421-Two connecting rooms, for
housekeeping. (2)

CHOUTEAU AV., 1000-Furnished front room
for light housekeeping; convenient to car lines. (2)

CHOUTEAU AV., 8144-Beautiful front room
furnished for housekeeping; \$2.50 per
week. (2)

CHOUTEAU AV., 1012-Rooms for light house-
keeping; light housekeeping; \$2 and \$50. (2)

CHOUTEAU AV., 1304-8-Nice, clean, well-
furnished first and second floor front and side
rooms; also 3d-floor connecting room; house
keeping; light housekeeping; \$2.50 per week. (2)

LAKE AV., 414-Nice rooms for one or two
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LAKE AV., 1418-One large room, for light
housekeeping; light housekeeping; \$2.50 per
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LAKE AV., 2706-Two front rooms, for light
housekeeping; light housekeeping; \$2.50 per
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LAKE AV., 2745-A beautifully furnished front
room; 3d floor; southern exposure; for gen-
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LOCAL STOCKS AGAIN ACTIVE

Trading Is Broader and Prices Generally Are on the Upturn.

Trading was active on the local Stock Exchange at the session today and in nearly all cases prices were on the upturn. The traction issues and especially United Railways preferred were in strong demand and United Railways bonds were taken in liberal amounts.

Sales were made in United Railways preferred at \$75.50 and \$75, compared with a close yesterday at \$75.50. Current receipts at 284,000, declining 11%. Current receipts at 284,000, cases returned: city packed, cases re-

ceived at \$87.25 to \$87.50, but United Railways common was freely offered at \$87.50.

In the bank and trust list Mercantile Trust was the strong feature, selling at \$375, the highest price reached on this stock since May 1. Mercantile Trust was also in active demand and on sales at \$37.50 gained nearly a point for the day. Mechanics National Bank was one of the leaders, selling at \$300 for small lot and the balance of this list steady.

Trading in Alton Granite, 5 and 10, the upturn at \$37 and \$37.50 in Missouri Edison at \$102.50 and \$102.75 and in Chicago Railways Equipment at \$67.75 and this closed the trading.

FULL SESSION—CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid	Asked
St. Louis Transit		
Brown Bros. Subscriptions		
Brown Bros. Bank	25.00	25.00
Fourth National Bank	400.00	400.00
Merchants' National	325.00	325.00
National Bank of Commerce	300.50	300.50
Third National Bank	318.50	318.50
Mercantile Trust	300.00	300.00
Commonwealth Trust	300.00	300.00
Mercantile Trust	300.00	300.00
Alton Granite common	45.00	45.00
do preferred	25.00	25.00
Central Coal and Coke com.	75.50	75.50
do preferred	75.50	75.50
Missouri Edison Co. 22 pt.	130.50	130.50
Missouri Government	102.50	102.50
Merchants' Terminal	102.50	102.50
Merchants' Terminal	114.50	114.50
Merchants' Bridge	133.00	133.00
Alton Granite	100.00	100.00
Chicago Railways Equipment	67.75	67.75
Kansas City Telephone Co.	100.50	100.50
Consolidated Coal	21.00	24.00

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TRUST'S CUT IN PROFITS DUE TO FEAR OF PEOPLE

Wall Street Believes Shrinking of Dividends of Standard Oil Company Indicates Monopoly Is Afraid of Public.

KANSANS JOYFUL OVER ORDERS TO INVESTIGATE

Rockefeller Forces Now Fighting Bill at Topeka Which Makes Oil Pipe Line Companies Common Carriers.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—As panic clamor against the Standard Oil Co. has increased, and as there has been manifested a growing disposition on the part of the federal government to take action in the way of investigation, dividends have gone down.

The dividend declared yesterday was 15 per cent upon the capitalization of \$100,000,000. For the corresponding quarter last year the dividend was 16 per cent.

The price of refined oil has not been reduced, while the price of crude oil has not been advanced in proportion. The stock is steadily increasing in value, selling today at about \$650 a share, the par value of which is \$100.

With Standard Oil dividends shrinking, Wall street sees only one reason. The astute managers of the monopoly are afraid of the people.

From 1891 to 1893 the Standard Oil Co. paid dividends of \$12,000,000 a year. Then came an enormous jump and since that time the dividends declared annually have been as follows:

In 1896, \$31,000,000; 1897, \$33,000,000; 1898, \$30,000,000; 1899, \$33,000,000; 1900, \$44,000,000; 1901, \$48,000,000; 1902, \$45,000,000; 1903, \$44,000,000; 1904, \$36,000,000.

Wall street expects that the dividend for 1905 will be considerably below \$30,000,000. The power of the concrete board of directors to fix dividends at any figure it pleases is absolute. The next quarterly dividend may be as low as 5 per cent.

The dividend figures as they are given to the public show that from 1891 to 1904 the Standard Oil capital of \$100,000,000 paid dividends amounting to \$408,000,000. In other words the select little coterie of insiders who control Standard Oil drew down four times as much as their ostensible investment in 12 years.

Joy Among Kansans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—There is great joy among Kansans today over the decision to investigate the Standard Oil Co. Representative Campbell of that state is particularly pleased, for it was he who desired to President Roosevelt that conditions in the Kansas oil fields be graphically that he forthwith ordered Commissioner Garfield to begin a general investigation.

In view of the ruin caused by the Standard Oil Co. in boycotting the Kansas field, the President feels that the government will be able to make a criminal case against the trust. Commissioner Garfield shares this view.

Special agents of the bureau of corporations will immediately begin the investigation. Agents already have made preliminary investigation of some of the Standard Oil plants.

It required almost a year to complete the Boston oil investigation, and officials of the bureau of corporations do not expect that the Standard Oil investigation can be made in much less time.

Trust Continues Fight.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—Standard Oil agents, having failed to bear the state refinery bill, are now fighting the bill which makes oil pipe line companies common carriers. Without such a law the state would have difficulty in transporting oil to the refinery. Friends of the bill believe they will have 50 votes. There were 50 for the refinery.

It has been decided to start a case in the Supreme court to test the validity of the state refinery act. The state auditor will refuse to register the \$40,000 bonds provided for the construction and operation of the refinery. The attorney-general will then obtain a writ of mandamus to compel him to do so. Gov. Hoch, it is believed, will sign the bill for the state refinery.

The constitutional convention may be called to meet in the power of the Legislature, so that it can effect a bill which will not affect the oil trust. Bills striking at trusts, particularly those dealing with oil, have met with opposition in the Legislature on the grounds that a sentiment in favor of a new constitution meeting the situation has sprung up.

Along with its fight on oil, Kansas is making war on those who would pipe gas out of the state. The measure passed is to an extent a model of protecting and transporting natural gas. Under the oil legislation, which seeks to make a market for that product, the gas measure is intended to prevent the Standard Oil Co. from wanting the gas saved for use in its own industries, and to guard it a protective association has been formed.

WATSON TRIAL ARGUMENTS ON

Fourteen Hours Have Been Allowed for the Pleadings in the Case.

NEW LONDON, Mo., Feb. 17.—Arguments in the trial of Dr. T. J. Watson were resumed when the case was called at 8:15 this morning, and will continue throughout the day and probably a good portion of tomorrow, all hours having been allotted by the court for the pleadings, each side getting seven hours.

The opening speech for the prosecution was made by Attorney J. W. Hays who scathingly denounced the defendant as a cool and calculating wits who would let nothing stand in his way once he had made up his mind to do it.

The motives suggested by Mr. Hays were the securing of the \$2,000 insurance on the life of Mrs. Watson, and the protection of another woman. He declared Mrs. Watson's death was not due to drowning, but to morphine poisoning.

Knockdowns for girls, sizes 11/2 to 2. French calf, \$2.00, new \$2.50, at Boehmer's, 11 Broadway.

BLOW FOR CULLOM IN A DIRECT VOTE

Illinois Committee Reports on Bill for Electing United States Senators by People.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 17.—The election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people is the cause of the latest sensation in the Forty-fourth Assembly of Illinois.

The administration's direct primary bill was ordered reported out by the House committee on primary elections, and it is this measure that contains a clause providing for the nomination and election of the two United States senators by a direct vote.

The passage of the bill, it is thought by many, will sound the political death knell of Senator Shelby M. Cullom, whose term ends this year.

Another interpretation placed upon the unexpected action of the committee is that the amendment may be the first step toward the severance of the Deneen-Yates alliance.

FIRST GREAT KING OF FINANCE DEAD

Jay Cooke, Who Handled Most of Civil War Bonds, Dies of Infirmitiess.

OGONTZ, Pa., Feb. 17.—Jay Cooke, America's greatest financier during the Civil war, died here at 10 o'clock last night. He was 81 years old and death was due to infirmitiess after an illness of less than 24 hours.

Most of his life, Mr. Cooke gave a dinner for students at Ogontz Seminary and seemed in the best of health and spirits. Jay Cooke was born in Sandusky, O., and began business life as clerk in a bank. Later he became partner in a banking firm, and then in 1851 he founded the First National Bank of Philadelphia. He founded the banking house of Jay Cooke & Co. in 1858 and handled the larger part of the \$2,000,000 of bonds issued by the United States during the Civil war.

After the war he financed many large enterprises, including the building of the transcontinental railroad. During the depression of 1873 the firm failed, and though Cooke later made a new fortune, he died in poverty.

TWO IN FAMILY DIE CARING FOR OTHERS

Death Found Daughter Caring for Mother-in-Law, Now Her Mother Dies.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, wife of George J. Carter, head of engine company No. 2, died Jan. 27 of illness contracted in nursing her husband's mother, Mrs. Queen Carter, who had died the preceding week.

Mrs. Katherine Tighe, mother of the younger Mrs. Carter, nursed her daughter during this illness, and now she also has died from pneumonia, with which she was stricken during the service of her daughter's mother, her death taking place Thursday afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Tighe will take place from the home of her son, J. T. Tighe, 610 Suburban avenue, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being held at the First Congregational Church, Hamilton and Eizel avenues, the interment taking place in Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Tighe was 82 years old.

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BURNS FATAL TO SMALL BOY

Robert Dowling, Who Upset Boiling Water on Himself in Play, Dies.

Robert Dowling, the 4-year-old child of Louis Dowling of 22 North Third street, East St. Louis, who was scalded Wednesday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Mollie Finnegan, 1221 East Warne avenue, died Friday morning.

The boy was playing in the kitchen Wednesday morning and accidentally turned over a pan of boiling water, which scalded him.

His injuries were treated immediately by Dr. Ewing of 229 East Warne avenue.

GOLDEN SECRET IN HIS GRAVE

Gathered by the Grim Reaper While Telling Location of Rich Mine.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 17.—In the very act of revealing the location of a rich gold mine to a friend, John Smith, an aged prospector, suddenly expired, and his secret may never be known.

For years Smith was the possessor of a rich placer claim, of which he alone knew the location. He was in the habit of going into the Cascades occasionally, from which he would return with at least \$500 in gold dust.

Of late he had become very feeble, and, realizing that the death angel was beckoning to him, Smith tried to tell his secret to his friend for the last time.

"I have a secret which I have never told anyone," he whispered, "and it is five miles from the branch of the three elk trail." "What is it?" asked his friend. "It is the secret of the mine," he replied, "but the spark of life was extinguished, and Jack Smith lay cold and still in death."

HONOR LINCOLN'S CENTENNIAL

Missouri Congressman Has Plan for Celebrating Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Representative Edwards of Missouri introduced a concurrent resolution today providing for a joint commission of five senators and five representatives to prepare a plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12, 1809. The commission is to report to the next Congress before Dec. 31, 1905.



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Men's Extra Long Fancy Overcoats—Broad Hand-Padded Shoulders and Cut with that Extreme Roomy Fullness.

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\$22 Overcoats at 1/2 price, \$11.00
\$25 Overcoats at 1/2 price, \$12.50
\$30 Overcoats at 1/2 price, \$15.00
\$35 Overcoats at 1/2 price, \$17.50

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Men's Fine "Cravenette" Raincoats

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\$30 Cravenettes, \$15.00

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Our \$1.85 Hats 95c
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